**Statement**

| Year | No. of houses constructed (Nos.) |
|---|---|
| 1985-86 | 1585 |
| 1986-87 | 18932 |
| 1987-88 | 24028 |
| 1988-89 | 24315 |
| 1989-90 | 19563 |
| 1990-91 | 10480 |
| 1991-92 | 22540 |
| 1992-93 | 6737 (upto June, 1992) |
| TOTAL: | 128180 Nos. |

**Drinking water problem in Tamil Nadu**

3249. SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTtTMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Drink ing Watsir problem in rural sector of country especially in Tamil Nadu has not imfwoved and number of problem villages have not come down as per anticipation during the last three years;

(b) it so, the details of villages as on date of Tamil Nadu provided drinking water during the period; and

(c) steps proposed to be taken during the two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is proposed to provide all 2968 no source problem villages in the country with safe drinking water by the end of 1992-93, apart from full coverage of 32525 partially covered villages. 2500 partially covered villages in Tamil Nadu arc targeted to be covered during 1992.93.

The target for 1993-94 will be decided in March, 1993 depending upon the outlays for the year and the findings in the on-going survey of status of drinking water in rural habitations.

**Sell employment for visage attiaons**

3250. SHRI TINDIYANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proramme for village artisoas for self employment in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if not, whether Government would consider the aspect of providing employ ment at their door steps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) A scheme for providing; improved tools to rural artisans has been approved very recently. Under this scheme, it is proposed to assist one lakh rural artisans in 1992-93 with improved tools. The scheme will be implemented first in 50 districts during 1992-93.

(b) Question does not arise,